

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing in support of the proposed merger of Dish Network and Direct TV. I have lived in two different rural areas in two states and neither offered cable television in the area. Until satellite TV, we were unable to have anything but network television of three channels. In the current area where I live, some individuals were unable to even get the three network channels until satellite television. I would appreciate consideration of the merger and the advantages it may offer to many. I assume that any negatives will be addressed and the support you give will be in the best interests of the majority.

Sincerely,

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